

# **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

## **Announcement of Import Restraint Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man- Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic**

November 5, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
(CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs establishing  
limits and guaranteed access levels.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Naomi Freeman, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-4212. For information on the  
quota status of these limits, refer to the  
Quota Status Reports posted on the  
bulletin boards of each Customs port,  
call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S.  
Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. For  
information on embargoes and quota re-  
openings, call (202) 482-3715.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural  
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);  
Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as  
amended.

The import restraint limits and  
guaranteed access levels for textile  
products, produced or manufactured in  
the Dominican Republic and exported  
during the period January 1, 1999  
through December 31, 1999 are based on  
limits notified to the Textiles  
Monitoring Body pursuant to the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles  
and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the  
Chairman of CITA directs the  
Commissioner of Customs to establish  
the 1999 limits and guaranteed access  
levels. The limits for Categories 339/639  
and 347/348/647/648 have been  
reduced for carryforward applied in  
1998.

A description of the textile and  
apparel categories in terms of HTS  
numbers is available in the  
**CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel  
Categories with the Harmonized Tariff  
Schedule of the United States (see  
**Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057,  
published on December 17, 1997).  
Information regarding the 1999  
**CORRELATION** will be published in the  
**Federal Register** at a later date.

Requirements for participation in the  
Special Access Program are available in

**Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474,  
published on April 3, 1998.

**Troy H. Cribb,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

### **Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 5, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC  
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section  
204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as  
amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order  
11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and  
Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit,  
effective on January 1, 1999, entry into the  
United States for consumption and  
withdrawal from warehouse for consumption  
of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile  
products in the following categories,  
produced or manufactured in the Dominican  
Republic and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1999  
and extending through December 31, 1999, in  
excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Restraint limit
338/638 .....	951,261 dozen.
339/639 .....	1,080,321 dozen.
340/640 .....	979,271 dozen.
342/642 .....	689,136 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	2,194,361 dozen of which not more than 1,238,434 dozen shall be in Cat- egories 647/648.
351/651 .....	1,173,979 dozen.
433 .....	22,085 dozen.
442 .....	74,983 dozen.
443 .....	137,182 numbers.
444 .....	74,983 numbers.
448 .....	38,628 dozen.
633 .....	143,688 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to  
adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the  
ATC and administrative arrangements  
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported  
during 1998 shall be charged to the  
applicable category limits for that year (see  
directive dated December 19, 1997) to the  
extent of any unfilled balances. In the event  
the limits established for that period have  
been exhausted by previous entries, such  
products shall be charged to the limits set  
forth in this directive.

Also pursuant to the ATC, and under the  
terms of the Special Access Program, as set  
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), effective  
on January 1, 1999, you are directed to  
establish guaranteed access levels for  
properly certified textile products in the  
following categories which are assembled in  
the Dominican Republic from fabric formed  
and cut in the United States and re-exported  
to the United States from the Dominican  
Republic during the period January 1, 1999  
through December 31, 1999:

Category	Guaranteed access level
338/638 .....	1,150,000 dozen.

Category	Guaranteed access level
339/639 .....	1,150,000 dozen.
340/640 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
342/642 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	8,050,000 dozen.
351/651 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
433 .....	21,000 dozen.
442 .....	65,000 dozen.
443 .....	50,000 numbers.
444 .....	30,000 numbers.
448 .....	40,000 dozen.
633 .....	60,000 dozen.

Any shipment for entry under the Special  
Access Program which is not accompanied  
by a valid and correct certification in  
accordance with the provisions of the  
certification requirements established in the  
directive of February 25, 1987, as amended,  
shall be denied entry unless the Government  
of the Dominican Republic authorizes the  
entry and any charges to the appropriate  
specific limits. Any shipment which is  
declared for entry under the Special Access  
Program but found not to qualify shall be  
denied entry into the United States.

In carrying out the above directions, the  
Commissioner of Customs should construe  
entry into the United States for consumption  
to include entry for consumption into the  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements has determined that  
these actions fall within the foreign affairs  
exception of the rulemaking provisions of  
U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

**Troy H. Cribb,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

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## **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

### **Request for Public Comments on the Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries**

November 5, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
(CITA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori  
E. Mennitt, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-3400.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural  
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);  
Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as  
amended.